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Amendments of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified patent application:

5 Listing of Claims

1-119. (Canceled)

120. (Currently amended) A system for locking an item, said system comprising:

a containing element including first and second enclosure members, said containing element configured to

5 enclose said item; and

a lock comprising:

a base having a portion configured to move inside said containing element when said containing element is closed; and

10 a catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field, said catch mechanism comprising a component that is, in the presence of said magnetic field, subject to a magnetic force and is configured to be located inside said containing  
15 element when said containing element is closed.

121. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is further configured to engage

said containing element to lock said containing element in a closed configuration.

122. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element encloses said item when said first enclosure member is moved to a position adjacent said second enclosure member.

123. (Previously presented) The system of claim 122 wherein said first enclosure member is hinged to said second enclosure member.

124. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is further configured to automatically engage said containing element when said portion is disposed inside said containing element and is  
5 urged toward the outside of said containing element.

125. (Canceled)

126. (Currently amended) The system of ~~claim 125~~  
claim 120 wherein said component comprises metal.

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127. (Currently amended) The system of ~~claim 125~~  
claim 120 wherein said component is a first component and  
said catch mechanism further comprises at least one second  
component that is not subject to said force.

128. (Previously presented) The system of claim  
127 wherein said second component is configured to be moved  
by said first component.

129. (Previously presented) The system of claim  
128 wherein, of said first and second components, only said  
second component is configured to engage said containing  
element.

130. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120  
wherein said catch mechanism is configured to be displaced by  
said magnetic field, when said containing element is closed,  
from a first position inside said containing element to a  
5 second position inside said containing element.

131. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120  
wherein said item is a storage medium.

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132. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said item is a recording medium.

133. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said catch mechanism is moveable to a position in which said catch mechanism does not extend beyond a periphery of said base.

134. (Previously presented) The system of claim 133 wherein said catch mechanism comprises at least one component subject to a magnetic force in the presence of a magnetic field.

135. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134 wherein said component comprises metal.

136. (Previously presented) The system of claim 133 wherein application of said magnetic field is effective to move said catch mechanism to said position.

137. (Previously presented) The system of claim 136 wherein said catch mechanism is further moveable to a position in which a portion of said catch mechanism extends beyond said periphery.

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138. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises an indent adapted to receive a finger of a user.

139. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element is further configured to receive a memory card.

140. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises a document retaining member.

141. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 120 wherein said document retaining member includes a gripping element.

142. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 141 wherein said gripping element comprises a rib.

143. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said containing element comprises a hub configured to retain said item.

144. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said portion is configured to support a security tag.

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145. (Previously presented) The system of claim 122 wherein at least one of said first and second enclosure members comprises a loop configured to receive said portion.

146. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein:

said first enclosure member comprises a first loop and said second enclosure member comprises a second loop;

5 and,

when said containing element is locked, said lock is present in said first loop and in said second loop.

147. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein:

said lock further comprises a handle portion; and,

when said containing element is locked, said handle  
5 portion is not enclosed in said containing element.

148. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said magnetic field is emitted by a magnetic decoupler.

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149. (Previously presented) The system of claim 148 wherein said magnetic field is configured to disengage said catch mechanism from said containing element.

150. (Previously presented) The system of claim 120 wherein said lock further comprises a second catch mechanism attached to said portion and configured to be moved relative to said portion by a magnetic field.